

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application (material to be inserted in amended claims is in underline, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~).

1. (Previously Presented) A dry-cleaning article for use in a drying machine, the dry-cleaning article comprising:

a carrier adapted to receive and selectively dispense a dry-cleaning composition to garments as the garments are tumbled with heated air in a drying machine; and

a dry-cleaning composition received by the carrier, wherein the dry-cleaning composition includes active components comprising water and organic solvent, wherein the organic solvent includes at least one organic solvent that forms the greatest individual percentage by weight of the active components and is selected from the group consisting of at least one of paraffins, olefins, acetylenes, siloxanes, acetates, chloro-fluorocarbons, and mixtures thereof.

2. (Currently Amended)The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the at least one organic solvent includes~~is at least substantially comprised of~~ at least one paraffin.

3. (Currently Amended)The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the at least one organic solvent includes~~is at least substantially comprised of~~ at least one siloxane.

4. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the at least one organic solvent is non-toxic and non-carcinogenic in the concentration present in the composition.

5. (Original) The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the at least one organic solvent forms the greatest individual percentage by weight of all of the components in the composition.

6. (Original) The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the at least one organic solvent forms at least 50% by weight of the active components of the composition.

7. (Original) The dry-cleaning article of claim 6, wherein the at least one organic solvent forms at least 50% by weight of the composition.

8. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the water constitutes no more than 45% by weight of the active components of the composition.

9. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 8, wherein the water constitutes no more than 45% by weight of all of the components of the composition.

10. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 8, wherein the water constitutes no more than 40% by weight of the active components of the composition.

11. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 10, wherein the water constitutes no more than 40% by weight of all of the components of the composition.

12. (Original) The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the active components further include at least one emulsifier.

13. (Original) The dry-cleaning article of claim 12, wherein the at least one emulsifier includes a nonionic component and an anionic component.

14. (Original) The dry-cleaning article of claim 13, wherein the at least one emulsifier includes a greater concentration of the nonionic component than the anionic component.

15-16. (Cancelled without prejudice)

17. (Original) The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the active components further include at least one surfactant.

18-20. (Cancelled without prejudice)

21. (Original) The dry-cleaning article of claim 17, wherein the at least one surfactant includes a fluorosurfactant.

22-23. (Cancelled without prejudice)

24. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the composition has a flashpoint greater than 150° F.

25. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the composition has a flashpoint greater than 170° F.

26. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the composition has a flashpoint greater than 200° F.

27. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the composition has a flashpoint greater than 232° F.

28. (Original) The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the article is adapted for use in a drying machine having a maximum operating temperature and the composition has a flashpoint greater than the maximum operating temperature of the drying machine.

29. (Cancelled without prejudice)

30. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the article is adapted for use in a household-type drying machine.

31. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the article is adapted for use in a non-pressurized drying machine normally adapted to dry wet garments from a washing machine.

32. (Original) The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the article includes a fluid-impermeable container housing the carrier and the composition.

33. (Cancelled without prejudice)

34. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 32, wherein the carrier is an absorbent carrier and the dry-cleaning composition is permeated in the carrier.

35. (Cancelled without prejudice)

36. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 32, wherein the carrier is a sheet.

37-39. (Cancelled without prejudice)

40. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 36, wherein the sheet includes a plurality of slits.

41. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 52, wherein the carrier includes an impermeable layer separating the at least one application-specific composition and the dry-cleaning composition.

42-48. (Cancelled without prejudice)

49. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the article further includes at least one application-specific composition that is received and selectively dispensed by the carrier.

50-51. (Cancelled without prejudice)

52. (Original) The dry-cleaning article of claim 49, wherein the at least one application-specific composition is received by the carrier separate from the dry-cleaning composition.

53. (Original) The dry-cleaning article of claim 52, wherein the carrier is adapted to prevent mixing of the dry-cleaning composition and the at least one application-specific composition.

54. (Cancelled without prejudice)

55. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 49, wherein the application-specific composition is adapted to remove at least one of food stains, wine stains, ink stains and rust.

56-62. (Cancelled without prejudice)

63. (Currently Amended) A dry-cleaning composition adapted for use in a drying machine, the dry-cleaning composition comprising:

at least one organic solvent having a primary component selected from the group consisting of paraffins, ~~olefins, acetylenes, siloxanes, acetates, chloro-fluorocarbons,~~ and mixtures thereof, wherein the at least one organic solvent is nontoxic and non-carcinogenic in the concentration present in the composition, wherein the composition is adapted for use in heated air in a household-type drying machine, and further wherein the at least one organic solvent forms the greatest individual percentage by weight of the composition;

water; and

at least one emulsifier.

64-65. (Cancelled without prejudice)

66. (Original) The dry-cleaning composition of claim 63, wherein the at least one organic solvent forms at least 50% by weight of the composition.

67. (Original) The dry-cleaning composition of claim 63, wherein the composition is permeated into an absorbent material.

68. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning composition of claim 63, wherein the composition is received into and selectively dispensed by a non-absorbent container.

69. (Currently Amended) A method for cleaning garments, the method comprising:

placing at least one ~~dry~~-garment to be dry-cleaned and a dry-cleaning composition in a drying machine normally adapted for drying wet garments from a washing machine, wherein the dry-cleaning composition comprises:

at least one organic solvent; and

water, wherein the at least one organic solvent forms the greatest individual weight percentage of the dry-cleaning composition; and

tumbling the at least one garment and the dry-cleaning composition in the drying machine in heated air generated by the machine such that the at least one dry garment and the composition are exposed to the heated air during the tumbling step.

70. (Original) The method of claim 69, wherein the at least one organic solvent is selected from the group consisting of paraffins, olefins, acetylenes, siloxanes, acetates, chloro-fluorocarbons, glycols and mixtures thereof.

71. (Original) The method of claim 69, wherein the at least one organic solvent forms at least 50% by weight of the composition.

72. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the drying machine is a household-type drying machine.

73. (Original) The method of claim 69, wherein the drying machine is a nonpressurized drying machine.

74. (Original) The method of claim 73, wherein the composition is permeated into an absorbent material and the placing step includes placing the at least one garment and the absorbent material permeated with the composition in the drying machine.

75. (Original) The method of claim 74, wherein in the drying machine the absorbent material and the at least one garment may tumble freely with each other.

76. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74, wherein prior to tumbling the at least one garment and the absorbent material in the heated air in the drying machine, the method further includes placing the at least one garment and the absorbent material into an air-permeable container through which the heated air may freely flow.

77. (Cancelled without prejudice)

78. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 2, wherein the composition further includes at least one fluorosurfactant.

79. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 3, wherein the composition further includes at least one fluorosurfactant.

80. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 2, wherein the composition has a flashpoint greater than 200° F.

81. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 3, wherein the composition has a flashpoint greater than 200° F.

82. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 21, wherein the composition has a flashpoint greater than 200° F.

83. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the water constitutes no more than 25% by weight of the active components of the composition.

84. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 1, wherein the water constitutes no more than 25% by weight of all of the components of the composition.

85. (Cancelled without Prejudice)

86. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning composition of claim 63, wherein the composition includes at least one fluorosurfactant.

87. (Currently Amended) The dry-cleaning composition of claim ~~85~~86, wherein the composition ~~includes at least one fluorosurfactant~~has a flashpoint greater than 200° F.

88. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning composition of claim 63, wherein the composition has a flashpoint greater than 200° F.

89. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning composition of claim 63, wherein the composition includes a binder adapted to form the composition into a solid article.

90. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning composition of claim 63, wherein the composition includes a gelling agent.

91. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the composition has a flashpoint greater than 200° F.

92. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 70, wherein the at least one organic solvent includes at least one paraffin, siloxane, or mixtures thereof.

93. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the composition further includes at least one fluorosurfactant.

94. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the composition further includes at least one emulsifier and/or surfactant.

95. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the at least one dry garment is not suitable for laundering in a household washing machine.

96. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the composition further comprises a binder adapted to form the composition into a solid article.

97. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the composition further includes a gelling agent.

98. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the composition further includes fastening the composition to a compartment within the drying machine.

99. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, wherein the water comprises no more than 45% by weight of the composition.

100. (Previously Presented) A dry-cleaning article for use in a drying machine, the dry-cleaning article comprising:

a dry-cleaning composition, wherein the dry-cleaning composition includes active components comprising water and at least one organic solvent, and further wherein the at least one organic solvent forms the greatest individual percentage by weight of the active components; and

a binder adapted to form a solid article from the composition.

101. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 100, wherein the binder includes a gelling agent.

102. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 100, wherein the at least one organic solvent is selected from the group consisting of paraffins, olefins, acetylenes, siloxanes, acetates, chloro-fluorocarbons, glycols and mixtures thereof.

103. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 100, wherein the at least one organic solvent is selected from the group consisting of paraffins, olefins, acetylenes, siloxanes, acetates, chloro-fluorocarbons and mixtures thereof.

104. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 100, wherein the at least one organic solvent includes at least one paraffin as a primary component.

105. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 100, wherein the at least one organic solvent includes at least one siloxane.

106. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 100, wherein the composition includes an emulsifier.

107. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 100, wherein the composition includes at least one fluorosurfactant.

108. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 100, wherein the composition has a flashpoint greater than 200° F.

109. (Previously Presented) The dry-cleaning article of claim 100, wherein the composition is non-toxic and non-carcinogenic in the concentration present in the composition.